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Applicant:	ROMEO ET AL.	Examiner:	B. GANGLE
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 9, 2006, the date for timely reply being extended two months to expire on June 9, 2006, Applicants timely submit the following Amendment. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Without acquiescing to the statements made in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group XVI (claims 33-35) for prosecution in the instant application.

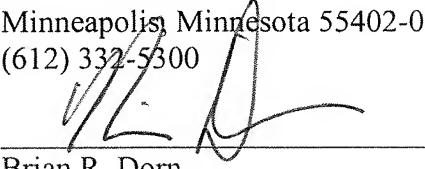
The traversal is on the ground that sufficient reasons to justify a Restriction Requirement have not been provided. Applicants submit that it would not be unduly burdensome to search the claims of Groups X, XI, XII, XIII and XVI since the Examiner indicated that these five groups are classified in the same class (435) and subclass (471) as the Group XVI claims. Since the claims belong in the same class and subclass, a search of one group is likely to uncover prior art regarding the other groups. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not established an undue burden in examining Groups X, XI, XII, XIII and XVI in the same application.

Accordingly, it is requested that Groups X, XI, XII, XIII and XVI be recombined and examined. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of

this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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